

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend paragraph [0005] as follows:

[0005] Due to these restricting structural conditions, the filters cannot be designed with an intake area as large as one would want, so that contamination and obstruction of the filters by coarse material and debris occur after a predeterminable time. This time is so short under practical conditions of use that the user of a fountain pump of this type must deal with the problem of frequently taking the pump out of the water to clean the filter.

Amend paragraph [0007] as follows:

[0007] In accordance with the invention, this objective is achieved by mounting an additional, detachable ~~filter~~ filtered intake element on the housing.

Amend paragraph [0008] as follows:

[0008] An additional, detachable ~~filter~~ filtered intake element of this type offers many possibilities for creating additional filter surface. For example, the additional, detachable ~~filter~~ filtered intake element can be installed spatially in front of the actual filter, so that a portion of the water sucked in flows through this additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element and relatively coarse material present in the water is retained. An increase in the filter surface also results in longer running times during which cleaning of the filter surfaces is not necessary.

Amend paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] It is advantageous for the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element to have a hinged design, so that it can be secured on the housing in such a way that the ~~filter~~ filtered intake element rests

against the wall of the housing in a first position and is swung away from the wall of the housing like wings in a second position. In this way, the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element can be spatially placed in front of the housing while a secure connection is maintained, so that exact positioning of the wing elements is possible. Another advantage is that the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element has an outside and an inside, each of which is formed as a filter surface. In this way, the filter surface can even be tripled.

Amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] Another advantage is that the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element ~~has~~ can be secured to a filter connector having a connection for a hose coupling with the suction connection on the housing, so that the additional filter element ~~remains~~ can be connected with the housing even when it is detached from the housing. In this way, the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element can be installed a distance away from the actual housing in an area in which strong intake of coarse material and debris is expected.

Amend paragraph [0011] as follows:

[0011] The latter advantage is also related to a further advantage, namely, that the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element has a control device for setting a waterworks function. Specifically, this makes it possible to utilize the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element not only as a means of optimizing the running time of the fountain pump but also as a remote control device, for example, for setting the height of a fountain.

Amend paragraph [0013] as follows:

[0013] Figure 1 shows a schematic perspective view of a fountain pump in accordance with the present invention with the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element detached.

Amend paragraph [0014] as follows:

[0014] Figure 2 shows a schematic perspective view of the fountain pump of the invention with the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element swung out from the housing.

Amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] The end faces 3.5 and 3.6 define the maximum outer contour of the oval cross section. The filter surfaces 3.2 and 3.3 lie closer to the longitudinal axis, so that they are positioned a certain radial distance from the outer contour of the end faces 3.5 and 3.6. The purpose of this design is to allow the integration of an additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element 17 in the housing 3. This is more clearly illustrated in Figure 2.

Amend paragraph [0018] as follows:

[0018] The additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element 17 in Figure 1 comprises two filter wings 17.1 and 17.2, which are secured on a central filter connector 17.3. The central filter connector 17.3 has a connection 17.4, by which a hose coupling (not shown) with the suction connection 11 can be produced, so that even when the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element is installed at a distance from the housing 3, the two parts are still functionally connected. A control element 19 is formed on the connection 17.4, with which the first outlet 7 and the second outlet 13 can be

controlled in such a way that, for example, the water spout and the height of the fountain can be varied from a location remote from the housing 3.

Amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

[0019] In the embodiment of Figure 2, the filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 of the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element can be secured on the housing 3 in such a way that they form a continuation of the circumference determined by the outer contour of the end faces 3.5 and 3.6 along the entire length of the housing 3. The filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 thus fit into the recessed lateral regions of the filter surfaces 3.2 and 3.3 of the housing 3.

Amend paragraph [0021] as follows:

[0021] The additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element 17 has one filter surface on its upper or outer side and one filter surface on its lower or inner side. As a result, the two opposite main surfaces of the additional ~~filter~~ filtered intake element 17 and thus of the filter wings 17.1 and 17.2 have their own filter characteristics. In the state shown in Figure 2, in which the filter wings are swung out, the ~~filter~~ filtered intake surface is approximately tripled.